

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515—1306

June 24, 2021

The Honorable Gina McCarthy
White House National Climate Advisor
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear National Climate Advisor McCarthy,

Thank you for your leadership on the climate crisis. We're reaching out about the opportunity to host you in Illinois this summer and join members of the Illinois Delegation for a 'Midwest Climate Innovation Tour.' The focus of this tour will highlight how the Midwest will be central to rebuilding the economy through climate action and clean energy innovation.

Given your history as a trailblazer electrifying the transportation and power sectors and your current leadership driving the transition to clean energy across every sector and government agency, the tour would be a perfect opportunity to highlight the economic impact of the American Jobs Plan on the Midwest region of the country and communicate the message that climate and clean energy are every bit as important to America's heartland as to the coasts, especially when it comes to job creation, public health, and economic opportunity.

We see Illinois as a powerhouse for climate innovation, entrepreneurship and advocacy—from cutting-edge research in energy storage and EV battery technology at the national labs to local companies leading the charge to supply Americans with cleaner, cheaper energy.

We've gathered a list of potential tour stops that we think would be wonderful to highlight, however, we would be open to altering or doing additional outreach as necessary.

- [Fermilab](#) — America's particle physics and accelerator laboratory
- [Argonne National Lab](#) — science and engineering research center
- [Invenenergy](#) — global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions
- [Flender Manufacturing](#) — local manufacturer of wind turbine systems
- [Environmental Law and Policy Center](#) — the Midwest's leading environmental legal advocacy organization
- [LanzaTech](#) — A cleantech startup working to recycle carbon pollution, and received a \$4.1 M DOE grant

We thank you for the opportunity to help make climate change a central focus of our country.
We hope to hear from you and your team soon.

Thank you,

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Sean Casten
Member of Congress

/s/

Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress

/s/

Danny K. Davis
Member of Congress

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Marie Newman
Member of Congress

/s/

Lauren Underwood
Member of Congress

/s/

Cheri Bustos
Member of Congress

/s/

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress

/s/

Brad Schneider
Member of Congress

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Foster", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Foster
Member of Congress



Bobby Rush
Member of Congress



Jesus "Chuy" García
Member of Congress

/s/

Robin Kelly
Member of Congress



Raja Krishnamoorthi
Member of Congress

/s/

Richard Durbin
Member of Congress

/s/

Tammy Duckworth
Member of Congress